(c) Long term plans include construction of an additional parking bay, increase in the capacity of security hold area and construction of the second phase of International terminal.

Air services from Rajkot to Delhi

457. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 636 give in the Rajya Sabha on 5th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the difficulties experienced by the people living in Rajkot due to non-availability of air services from Rajkot to Delhi;

(b) whether Government have re-examined the matter and propose to re-start air services from Rajkot to Delhi *via* Ahmedabad and Udaipur; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when the Air services are likely to be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines is aware of the requirements of Rajkot passengers.

(b) The matter has been re-examined by Indian Airlines. Presently there is no proposal to introduce Indian Airlines service between Rajkot and Delhi. There is a daily service on the Bombay-Rajkot-Bombay route which provides convenient connections to and from Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

Hijacking of a Plane by an Air India Pilot

458. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Indian Express* (ND) of 16-6-92 under the caption 'AI pilot 'hijacks' plane for personal use' wherein it has been stated that a pilot of AI flew an empty plane from Rome to New Delhi instead of Bombay and his family travelled in it;

(b) whether any action has been taken against the pilot; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A charge-sheet has been issued to the Commander of the flight and an enquiry committee has been set up to investigate this incident.

Discontinuation of air link to Vijayawada

459. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the air connection to Vijayawada has been discontinued; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Air link to Vijayawada has been suspended from 14th May, 1992 due to capacity constraints.

More aircraft for Indian Airlines

460. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether more aircraft have been acquired by Indian Airlines to meet the need of domestic traffic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)